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THE CATCHUP ISSUE

Ed Board hoping to fill Allen's seat by Feb

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS The Board of Education will be down a member for at least the next couple months.

Ben Allen resigned from the Ed Board last month in order to join the State Senate. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has begun the process of filling his vacant seat.

Two years remain on his Ed Board term.

The application for the seat is scheduled to go online today, Superintendent Sandra Lyon told the board last month.

Allen's seat will be filled through a nomination process rather than a special election because the cost of the latter is estimated to be a million dollars, Lyon told the board.

The issue could go to a special election, however, if the board's nomination is challenged through signed petitions from 1.5

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California braces for powerful Pacific storm

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A Pacific storm system fueled by a plume of subtropical moisture headed toward California on Monday, triggering warnings of widespread rain that could unleash mudflows even as it brings much-needed snow to the drought-stricken state.

Rain was expected to begin falling Tuesday, although the timing of the heaviest downpours was variable, according to the National Weather Service.

Storm watches were posted for a large swath of the Sierra Nevada, where a huge amount of the state's water supply is normally stored as snowpack. Significant accumulations were predicted but not enough to be a drought buster.

Any delight over the prospect of beneficial precipitation was tempered by concerns about the threat of debris flows from the many areas of California where wildfires have burned away vegetation that would keep soil stable.

A weak storm Sunday was enough to block Pacific Coast Highway west of Malibu with a flow of mud from a section of the steep Santa Monica Mountains denuded by a 44-square-mile fire last year.

Residents placed sandbags to protect properties in foothill cities northeast of Los Angeles, where some communities below steep mountains have long lived with concrete barriers lining streets in hopes of keeping debris flows out of homes.

Back-to-back storms are helping some cities in northwest California reach normal rainfall amounts for the year, or even better,

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RECORD DEAL

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School graduates Serk Spliff (center) Ray Wright (left) and Manu Li (right) make up the rap group "Warm Brew." Warm Brew was recently signed to hip-hop artist Dom Kennedy's label O.P.M. (Other Peoples Money). Warm Brew performed a live set off their up coming album Ghetto Beachboyz at the Red Bull Studioa L.A. last week.

Voter turnout a lowly 48 percent in Santa Monica

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In a city that's traditionally extremely politically engaged, less than half of Santa Monica's registered voters cast ballots last month.

Only 48.18 percent of the city's registered electorate voted in this year's election, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar, which completed its final canvas on Monday. It was the city's worst turnout in recent history.

The percentage pales in comparison to 2008, when more than 87 percent of the city's voters cast ballots.

Last month's contest was a federal mid-term election, which typically sees lower voter participation than presidential election years, like 2008.

Still, November's vote total is down from the last mid-term election, in 2010, when 64

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

December 2

Baby time session 2
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk.

Write-away
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 12 p.m.
Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers.

Homework help
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

December 3

Story Time
Santa Monica Place, 11 a.m.
Santa Monica Place will welcome Mrs. Claus to SAMO's Kid's Club in the Food Court for a very special event. Children of all ages will participate by decorating freshly baked cookies while enjoying story time with Mrs. Claus. Event is free and open to the public.

Landlord/Tenant Forum: Legal Rights and Responsibilities
Virginia Ave. Park
2200 Virginia Ave. 9 - 12 p.m.
The Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office and the Rent Control Agency will be discussing landlords' and tenants' rights and responsibilities at a free forum. All tenants, property owners, property managers, and advocates are invited. A continental breakfast will be served and some parking is available. Please register early as space is limited. Call (310) 458-4994 or visit www.smgov.net to register.

Crafting Green
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Recycle household items to make something new! Ages 8 and up.
Age(s): Kids, Teens

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission for more information.

December 4

Taming the paper chase
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.
7 p.m.
Are you drowning in paper? Don't know what to keep or where to put important documents? Esther Simon, professional organizer, shows you how to bring the paper side of your life under control.

Gingerbread Housed
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays by making a gingerbread house. Materials provided. Grades K ? 5. Limited space; free tickets available at 6 p.m.

Holiday Needle Felted Ornaments with Angharad Caceres
1450 Ocean:
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Using needle felting, we'll make a fun three dimensional ornament. You'll learn how to create a base shape, how to add in colors and details, and if time allows how to add beads or embroidery to the surface. Come away with a lovely hand-felted item, great for holiday decorations or stocking stuffers.
Cost: $20 Please enroll at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239 today

Karaoke and Kids Crafts
Downtown Santa Monica
6 p.m.
Ever want to perform on the Promenade? Now's your chance to sing holiday tunes and enjoy holiday crafts. For more information call 310-393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com

Tree of Life & Holiday Open House
Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum, and Mortuary
1847 14th St
3 - 5:30 p.m.
In honor of loved ones who have passed, personalize ornaments and place them on our Tree of Life in the Mausoleum Lobby. Free. Activities include refreshments, photo with Santa, holiday movie on the big screen, music by the John Adams Middle School Choir. Visit www.WoodlawnSM.com for more information.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main St.

Artist reception

FABstudio (Main & Bay St.) is hosting a special event on Dec. 4 between 5 and 9 p.m. They are featuring Argentine artist Javier de Aubeyzon, who will be in town from Buenos Aires to attend. His work explores the push-pull of man's relationship with nature and the environment. Ushuaia Argentine steakhouse and Terrazas de Los Andes are co-sponsoring the event, and have donated passed hors d'oeuvres and wine for guests in attendance.

- MH

Broad Stage

Northanger Abbey - Jane Austen's classic novel with puppets

Following last season's sold out run of Impro Theatre's Jane Austen UnScripted, The Broad Stage presents Box Tale Soup's comical take on Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey for ten performances, beginning Dec. 5.

Box Tale Soup's version of Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey has been created and adapted entirely by the company. It features a cast of two performers and seven hand-made puppets. Through their adaptation, the company has remained as faithful to the original work as possible, taking the vast majority of the dialogue verbatim from the novel. This, combined with the use of puppetry, has made the production a favorite of Austen lovers.

Northanger Abbey tells the story of the young, naïve and unlikely heroine Catherine Morland. We follow her to Bath where she is introduced into Society and the delights of the Gothic Novel. We see her falling in love with the dashing, witty (if mildly sarcastic) Henry Tilney and we watch with horror as her she allows her overactive imagination get the better of her. It is a heartwarming love story with genuine laugh-out-loud humor and dark, melodramatic gothic horror.

Award Winning theatre company, Box Tale Soup, is the brainchild of professional actors Noel Byrne and Antonia Christophers. It was formed from a desire to create genuinely fresh interpretations of classic works and financially viable theatre. Drawing on their diverse backgrounds and skills, Box Tale Soup is seeking to create theatre that is affordable, without being compromised in quality or originality.

Performances will be Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 and 8 p.m., Dec. 7 at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., Dec 12 at 8 p.m., Dec 13 at 5 and 8 p.m., Dec. 14 at 2 and 5 p.m. at The Edye at The Broad Stage 1310 11th St. General Admission. Prices vary by performance. Visit www.thebroadstage.com or call the Box Office at (310) 434-3200 for more information.

- MH

Downtown

Family un-friendly version of Twelfth Night

The City Shakespeare Company is selling tickets to their family un-friendly production of Twelfth Night, opening in downtown Santa Monica on Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Opening night will feature red carpet arrivals at 7:30 p.m. and wine.

Normally considered a family favorite, City Shakes is taking a raucous look at the famous text. "I feel like we're tackling a tacky, zany play that is anything but family-friendly," said Brooke Bishop, co-artistic director of the company and director of this production. "The tacky vice land of Illyria feels relevant, especially in a world that suppresses those things and tells everyone to be polite."

The production features fight choreography by company member David Hartstone (who also plays Orsino in this production). "It's super fun; we're laughing our butts off in rehearsal," said Colin Martin, the company technical director and actor playing Sir Toby Belch. "We're really trying to cram as many laughs in as possible and honor the notion that this is the funniest of Shakespeare's comedies."

If you go: Twelfth Night plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 -20, and Sundays at 4 p.m. Location is 1454 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Plenty of metered street parking. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $34.99 at http://cityshakes.brownpapertickets.com/. For more information, please visit www.CityShakes.org.

- MH



Your column here

Francisco Juarez — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Name recognition

DEAR EDITOR

Please provide us some white space for this very important statement regarding the naming of the "buffer" park near the METRO 17th Street Terminal.

We propose that the 17th Street Terminal, not the park, be named after Pvt. Joe Gandara, Medal of Honor Recipient.

Readers need to know that there are already allegations of violations regarding the rules, established by METRO and the communities it serves, by which to name a terminal.

You can confirm the controversy that arose after discovering that L.A. County Board of Supervisors member, Zev Yaroslavaky's, name was approved for a terminal out in L.A. and that came up after Supervisor Molina's name was proposed for a terminal in her area. One's name is approved and the other may not get the approval.

Pvt. Joe Gandara, Medal of Honor Recipient, was not a politician.

We bring this to the attention of Santa Monica Daily Press readers to stop the manipulation that we smell brewing over our wanting to name the 17th Street Terminal after Pvt. Joe Gandara, the City's only Medal of Honor Recipient.

We have inquired and attended meetings where this topic was brought up. When it was proposed, at a meeting in Virginia Park, that the most appropriate name for that Terminal is that of Pvt. Joe Gandara, we were told that the meeting was just gathering suggestions.

Then, recently, SMDP printed a slew of names now being proposed for the "buffer" park that is going to be built next to the METRO Maintenance yard near that location. Pvt. Joe Gandara's name was among those.

We believe that this is a ploy and convenient way to put the most prolific name of all on an obscure and out-of-the-way piece of grass in order to save the 17th Street Terminal for the name of a politician or someone that has no ties to an area that is experiencing rapid gentrification.

We are talking about the only Medal of Honor Recipient who was born in Santa Monica and we feel that his name really deserves to be put at the terminal closest to his neighborhood.

Why should there be any challenge to this? Last time we checked, this was still the United States of America and Medal of Honor Recipients were highly respected?

Or, is it because the real decision makers of Santa Monica City do not feel that a Latino Medal of Honor Recipient is worthy of having his name highlighted for all to see and know that he gave his all to save lives in Normandy?

Remember, he was not recognized for his heroics for 70 years. Only until a recent investigation was conducted by the current administration was it proved that he is deserving of this nation's highest military honor.

City leaders, METRO, whomever, the reluctance to name the 17th Street Terminal after Pvt. Joe Gandara, Medal of Honor Recipient, is uncalled for. It appears that the photo ops are over, Joe had his day and, now, he is just yesterday's news. Again, there must not be any need to recognize him anymore, just name a piece of grass after him.

This time we demand justice and due process. This time, it's not the older generations of bigots who over-looked him. It appears to us that it is the generation that used to spit on returning Vietnam Veterans, wielding the power on the west side who are running interference with this park idea.

We've heard that we should take the park in case we don't get the Terminal and we will have nothing.

SMDP Readers, out of respect for a true American Hero, his family and his town, do not allow this to play out! Please join us in calling for his name, Pvt. Joe Gandara, Medal of Honor Recipient, at the new 17th Street Terminal. If it can't be the 17th Street Terminal, stand with us to demand that his name be placed at the larger terminal at the end of the line, 4th Street METRO Plaza.

Francisco Juarez
Co-Founder,
Pvt. Joe Gandara Project

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Holiday delights and kugel cake

NEW AND WONDERFUL THINGS ARE AFOOT in the city, as well as cherished traditions, now that we're in the thick of the holidays again. There's nothing like the traditional holiday parking lot madness to really remind me of how wonderful life here is most of the time.

Seriously though, I do love having the holidays upon us. Regular holiday traditions have the Promenade all sparkly and lit up, the Ice Rink is filled with kids and adults enjoying themselves as they slip and slide. Main Street is aglow and the Shopping Cart Tree is up and gracing the Edgemar Center.

There are lots of events coming up this season from church bazaars to photos with Santa. In the Santa Monica Place you can do get photos with both kids and even your pets (only on Dec 1, 8 and 15 from 5 - 8 p.m.). This coming Saturday there's a breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m., photos at 11 a.m. After that, mom and dad can roll into the family friendly Pico Improvement District's Holiday Hop Along Pico. From noon to 6 p.m. various businesses will be hosting entertainment, art displays, refreshments, shopping specials, and maybe that fat guy with the red suit.

It's nice to see that the Pico Improvement Organization is getting ready for this Holiday Hop; as a family law office on Pico we've been paying our business license fees which partly go to support the PIO and even though we wont be participating as a business, you can be sure that I'll be stopping by some of the other businesses to say hello, grab a cup of cheer and find out how the year went for some of my fellow business owners.

One guy I've been spending a lot of time with is my buddy Johnny Rocco, who owns and operates Rocco's Cheesecakes at 17th and Pico. This guy has been killing it with his cheesecake creations. He's truly a modern day Willy Wonka of cheesecake. His flavor selections are off the charts, this is no Cheesecake factory knock-off, these are truly unique and head slapping good.

I'm just waiting for Evan Kleiman to discover this place, it's right across the street from SMC so it's bound to happen. The Ube (that's a purple sweet potato like yumyum) Cheesecake is selling out, the Blueberry Mint is a homerun, and the fried Twinkie cake is beyond awesome.

But the game changer for Rocco's is the special cheesecake that he developed for this year's Channukah - it's a kugel cake. It's like two desserts in one. It's not like that gross Cherpumple thing people were doing for Thanksgiving (baking several kinds of pie inside several flavors of cake and then stacking the result). This is a graham cracker edge, with traditional kugel as a base, and then Rocco's Classic Cheesecake on top. This is the dessert to have this Channukah. I sat down to a piece and basically inhaled it. The not too sweet perfectly done kugel balances the creamy, dense, and ideal cheesecake. There's just enough of the graham cracker crust to remind you that this is cheesecake, but with an old Jewish Grandma's twist on it.

I think that this will become another holiday tradition for many families. The mashup of two fabulous desserts into one delectable delight is the sort of creativity that makes living in this country and this city so wonderful. While I'm not a fan of the Cherpumple cake that swept the nation - it seemed to be just gluttonous extravagance more for the sake of being able to say you built it than to actually enjoy it - I understand that pushing boundaries, breaking stodgy thinking and trying new things is what leads to new and better creations, like the Kugel Cake.

If you want to try out this latest mashup of dessert artistry, stop in for a slice and tell him I sent you. If you then want a full cake, you better plan on ordering ahead, (www.roccoscheesecake.com) as Rocco's is preparing for a high demand this Channukah for the new and traditional dessert, all in one.

For a full listing of what's going on downtown this holiday season, check out the Downtownsm.com website.

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PANELS: The cost of solar power has dropped but future solar tax credits are uncertain.

Cost of solar power

Dear EarthTalk:

I've heard that the price of getting solar panels installed on a home is lower than ever, but has it gotten to the point anywhere in the U.S. where it's actually cheaper than traditional grid power yet?

Lester Milstein,
Boston, MA

ROOFTOP SOLAR PANELS ON HAVE ALWAYS been the province of well-to-do, eco-friendly folks willing to shell out extra bucks to be green, but that is all starting to change. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the cost of putting solar panels on a typical American house has fallen by some 70 percent over the last decade and a half. And a recent report from Deutsche Bank shows that solar has already achieved so-called "price parity" with fossil fuel-based grid power in 10 U.S. states. Deutsche Bank goes on to say that solar electricity is on track to be as cheap or cheaper than average electricity-bill prices in all but three states by 2016-assuming, that is, that the federal government maintains the 30 percent solar investment tax credit it currently offers homeowners on installation and equipment costs.

But therein could lie the rub. The federal tax credit for residential solar installations expires in 2016, and it's anybody's guess whether and to what extent the Republican-dominated Congress will renew it. Legislative analysts report that while Congress is unlikely to abandon the program entirely, big cutbacks could be on the way. But Deutsche Bank maintains that even if the credit is reduced to 10 percent, solar power would still achieve price parity with conventional electricity in some 36 states by 2016.

Meanwhile, homeowners in states where additional local incentives are available and there's lots of sunshine-such as across the Southwest-may in fact already be able to power their homes cheaper with the sun than from the grid. Homeowners looking to go solar should check out the Database of State Incentives for Renewable and Efficiency (DSIRE), a free online database of all the different state and local incentives for solar and other forms of renewable energy.

And prices for solar are expected to keep falling as technologies improve and financing becomes more affordable. Solar leasing has helped hundreds of thousands of Americans realize the dream of going solar without breaking the bank. The companies behind such programs-SolarCity, SunRun and others-take care of installation, maintenance and upgrades while the customer ends up paying about as much for clean, green power as for grid power from coal or other fossil fuels.

Of course, solar is still a bit player in the scheme of things in terms of U.S. and global electricity production. But with costs coming down, we can expect to see a lot more solar panels going up on rooftops across the land in the coming decade. Environmentalists concerned about our changing climate say the sooner the better, as our dependency on coal and other fossil fuels for electricity is a big contributor to global warming.

Congress will definitely be considering whether or not to extend the solar investment tax credit when it reconvenes in 2015. If you're part of the silent majority of Americans who would like to see the credit extended so that middle class Americans can continue to afford to convert to solar power, be sure to speak up and let your Congressional delegation know.

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BASKETBALL LOSS

The Santa Monica College men's basketball team hosted Jacinto and in a non-conference basketball game on Nov. 29 and lost 110--97. With the loss, SMC's record falls to 2 wins and 4 loses. Pictured are: Admassu Williams going for a lay-up, Brandon Baker dribbling the basketball and Baker jumping into the air for a shot.









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SMC WOMEN FINISH RECORD SEASON

The Santa Monica College women's soccer team lost to Cerritos College in the second round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs on Nov. 26. The team finished with the best record in team history at 18-2-3. Pictured are: Brittney Chow falling to the ground as the ball is stolen, Nathaly Lopez attempting to stop a header on the goal, Cindy Michel and Jessica Ibarra attempting to stop a shot, and Karen Monzon stealing the ball.



BOARD
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percent of the registered electorate, Lyon said.

"That's all?" responded Boardmember Jose Escarce. As of the most recent election, 1.5 percent of the registered electorate would equate to just over 1,000 people.

Lyon noted that the cost of a special election would have to be included on the petitions.

That million dollars would come from the district's General Fund.

The board has 60 days from the date of Allen's resignation, which was scheduled to take place on Nov. 24, to pick a successor.

Board Chair Maria Leon-Vazquez will assemble a sub-committee of no more than three board members to help guide the process. Applicants will have until Dec. 18 to apply, Lyon said.

At a public meeting, scheduled for Jan. 15, each applicant will be asked the same set of questions. If all goes smoothly, the six-member board could nominate a new member that night. If not, the district has built in some buffer time to hold a follow-up meeting.

"It's a very difficult thing," Lyon told the board. "Some of you have been through it before. I've been through it as well. At the interview, the applicant will come in and be interviewed in public. The other applicants will remain in the conference room and will come back in and the entire deliberation and nomination and voting takes place in public."

There will be a 30-day window, from the date of the official nomination, for petitioners to challenge the process. If there is not a successful challenge, the board's choice would be selected.

Outgoing Boardmember Ralph Mechur was the last member to be appointed, in 2007, after a then-recently-elected Emily Bloomfield announced she would step down from the board because her family was moving to Washington, D.C.

He then won election in 2010.

Mechur, who finished fifth in a race for four seats last month, told the Daily Press he'd be interested in filling Allen's seat.

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RAIN
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but the reservoirs and Sierra snowpack that provide much of the state's water remain far short of what they should be, after three years of intense drought.

Redding, 220 miles north of San Francisco, reached 124 percent of normal rainfall by Monday after the weekend storms, National Weather Service forecaster Eric Kurth said. To the south, San Jose stood just a third of an inch shy of its normal 2.89 inches for the period, forecaster Austin Cross said.

For California's water supply, however, it's the Sierra snowpack that counts, Kurth said. And that remains significantly below normal, though much better than last year.

Rain so far, at this early point in California's wet season, have yet to make much of an impact on the state's main reservoirs. Lake Shasta and Lake Oroville have less than 50 percent of their usual water level for the start of December, while Folsom Lake stands at 59 percent, Kurth said.

"Certainly we're quite a bit wetter than we were last year, especially to the north," he said. But "we're not seeing huge storms."

"The good news is there's more storms on the way," Kurth said.

VOTE
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percent of registered residents voted. There were 38,117 ballots cast at the polls that year, compared to 28,333 this year.

In 2006, a mid-term election, 34,440 residents came out to the polls — close to 60 percent of the city's registered voters. In 2002, nearly 55 percent of the electorate showed up to the polls.

Nationally, vote totals were the lowest since World War II, according to a Washington Post article published last month. As of the article, only 36.4 percent of voting-eligible Americans had cast ballots.

Aside from some insignificant changes in candidates' ranking, the results were the same as on election night, after fewer than 21,000 votes had been counted.

In the Board of Education race challengers Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Craig Foster swapped positions. Foster held the second place spot by a couple dozen votes on election night but Tahvildaran-Jesswein won the spot by more than a hundred.

The Los Angeles County Registrar had about a month to count all the ballots and certify the results.

Bullet-voting was common in this year's contest, with the average Santa Monica voter selecting just over two candidates for three City Council seats.

In 2008, bullet-voting — the act of selecting only one candidate despite being offered the choice to select more — was more common. In 2006, it was less common.

Measure LC, which was introduced by City Council to oppose a measure put forth by supporters of the Santa Monica Airport, was the most voted-on measure and received more "Yes" votes than any other measures or candidate on the ballot.

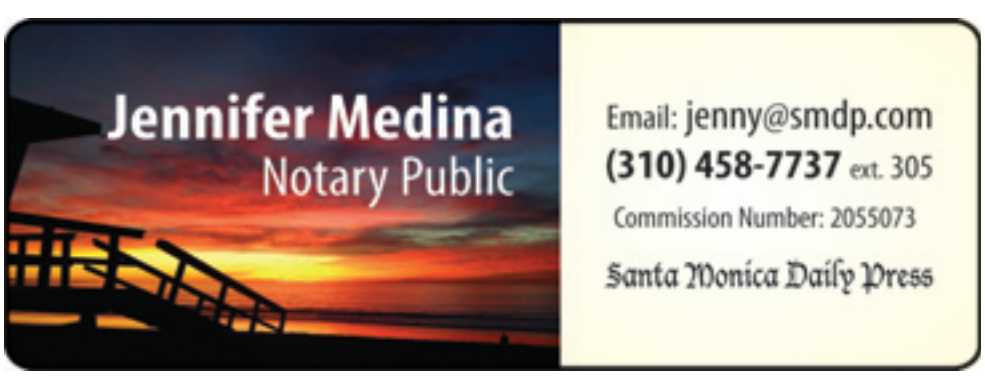
More than 25,000 Santa Monicans voted on the measure, with 15,434 favoring it.

Incumbent Kevin McKeown was the top vote-getter in the City Council race — the only council candidate to crack 10,000 votes.

In past elections, five candidates commonly recorded more than 10,000 votes.

A strong field — eight candidates recorded 6 percent or more of the total vote — combined with the low voter turnout, is likely responsible for the low winning number.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.8°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
BIGGEST LATE with larger sets; New shorter period West-SW'erly swell builds in; E-ESE winds

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
BIGGEST EARLY; shorter period West-SW swell; East-SE winds

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft
BIGGEST EARLY; Mix of new/building WNW swell and old/easing shorter period West-SW swell; light winds possible

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Primarily WNW swell; light winds possible

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 19, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 15
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 8

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	D

LEGEND
- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA man sentenced for revenge porn posting

A Los Angeles man who posted a topless photo of his ex-girlfriend on Facebook has been sentenced to a year in jail for violating California's new "revenge porn" law.

The city attorney's office says Noe Iniguez was sentenced Monday for posting sexual images online with malicious intent and for violating two restraining orders.

Iniguez also was ordered to undergo domestic violence counseling and stay away from the victim.

Prosecutors say Iniguez, using a phony name, posted the photo of his ex on her employer's website in March. He also called her a "drunk" and a "slut" and urged that she be fired.

- AP

TORRANCE

LA Kings' Voynov pleads not guilty at arraignment

Los Angeles Kings defenseman Slava Voynov has pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of domestic violence against his wife.

Voynov entered the plea at his arraignment Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The Russian Olympian's preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 15. Voynov and his attorneys didn't speak to reporters after the brief court appearance.

Prosecutors sought a no-contact order between Voynov and his wife, but the court declined. Voynov's wife is still living with him, and has said she doesn't fear him.

Voynov has been suspended by the NHL since a few hours after he was arrested Oct. 20. The two-time Stanley Cup champion has missed 18 games.

Voynov's legal team now includes Pamela Robillard Mackey, the attorney who defended Kobe Bryant against sexual assault allegations.

- AP

SANTA CLARITA

Lanes reopen on I-5 near LA following injury crash

Traffic was moving again on Monday afternoon on the southbound Interstate 5 near Santa Clarita following a vehicle crash that left seven people injured, including a 4-year-old child.

The California Highway Patrol briefly shut down all lanes of the freeway before dawn Monday so a helicopter could land and airlift the seriously injured child to a trauma center.

The CHP says the boy and five other people from Inglewood were heading south in a Honda van when the vehicle suddenly stalled.

The Honda was struck from behind by a Ford van driven by a 62-year-old man. He suffered minor injuries.

The other occupants of the Honda suffered minor-to-moderate injuries.

Traffic on the main north-south artery was backed up for miles before the lanes were reopened shortly after 7 a.m.

- AP

NEW YORK

Charges to be dropped in reported Stiviano attack

A New York court is on track to dismiss criminal charges against a man accused of assaulting the woman who recorded former Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling making racist comments.

A judge agreed Monday to toss out Dominick Diorio's misdemeanor assault case if he avoids rearrest for six months. Authorities had said he punched V. Stiviano in the face in June and used racial epithets toward her. She is of black and Hispanic descent.

Prosecutors say they consulted Stiviano about the dismissal plan. Her lawyer didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Defense lawyer David Scott Smith says the dismissal is proper because authorities "can't prove what didn't happen."

Stiviano's recording led the NBA to ban Sterling. Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer then bought the Clippers.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Man fatally shot while riding bike in Los Angeles

Police say a man was shot and killed while riding his bicycle in south Los Angeles.

Officer Norma Eisenman tells City News Service that the 27-year-old victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds in the shooting early Monday on East 54th Street.

The victim was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His name has not been released.

Investigators have not named a suspect or a motive.

- AP

SAN JOSE

San Jose mulls booting bikes off city sidewalks

San Jose cyclists who take refuge from traffic by riding on sidewalks may soon lose that option.

The City Council is poised to vote on a downtown ban on riding bikes on sidewalks Tuesday.

The vote comes after a year and a half of talks with seniors, cyclists and downtown businesses and on the recommendation of city transportation officials. And it comes despite frequent attempts to get its car-happy citizens to ride bikes more often.

Mayor-elect Sam Liccardo who supports a limited ban tells the San Jose Mercury-News the issue has been contentious but some move is necessary because pedestrians don't feel safe walking their own sidewalks.

Most major cities either limit or ban sidewalk biking including San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles.

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1:45PM, 4:35PM, 7:20PM, 10:10PM

Gone Girl
12:30PM, 6:50PM

Interstellar
2:15PM, 6:00PM, 9:40PM

Nightcrawler
4:00PM, 10:15PM

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The Penguins Of Madagascar
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SCREEN CALLS TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might refuse to see a problem that exists. Because of this attitude, you could bypass a new opportunity. Refuse to push a partner beyond his or her comfort zone. You will know when the time is right. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your instincts will serve you better than your intellect can right now. How you see a situation develop could change as the day goes on. Know that your intuition will guide you in the right direction. You can be unusually resourceful when you just relax. Tonight: Screen calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you, not on what someone else considers important. Your wit and charm allow you to move a person from Point A to Point B with little effort. A meeting could be essential, even though you might feel limited. Tonight: Love the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pressure seems to build when dealing with an authority figure. You know how to make this person relax and have confidence in you. As long as you are preoccupied with this situation, your creativity is likely to suffer. Learn to let go more often. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious comes through once more. Others might have a hard time understanding your logic, as they seem to work on a different level from you. You tend to see life from a perspective that is quite unique. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly, and you'll have a more receptive audience. You intuitively seem to know what others need to hear, but you also know how to present an issue. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to a friend, as this person might need to feel important. You might be looking at your long-term goals in a situation and wondering if you'll be able to meet them. Discuss the issue with a partner or roommate to get some feedback. Tonight: Catch up on news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You are about to come out of a difficult period. Don't allow anyone to discourage any of your ideas. You might need to schedule yourself tightly, as you seem to have so much to do. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You won't be able to contain your energy. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who causes your heart to flutter. You might want to revisit a personal matter with a loved one, as you two could see it differently. Tonight: No one will try to hold you back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be clear about what is important to you in a changeable situation. You might make more of a personal matter than is necessary. Take a step back and rethink a recent decision. A loved one could come through for you in a big way. Tonight: Hang with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you think. Fortunately, your audience will be in a good mood. You could be holding back important information about a family matter. Tonight: Invite someone to join you for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You can get only so much done in a day. Try not to push yourself so hard. Keep a firm hand on your financial budget; otherwise, you easily could become distracted and make a mistake. Prioritize, and you will be pleased with the results. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

This year you burn up a lot of energy by acting on your ideas with enthusiasm. Your popularity soars. You easily could lose your grounding in the moment and take some far-out risks. Be careful -- though you are fortunate this year, Lady Luck won't always be riding on your shoulder. If you are single, you will have quite a few admirers. Do not commit until you are sure. If you are attached, try to harness some of your wildness, and encourage your sweetie to join you. The two of you will spend many hours laughing together. ARIES often has wilder ideas than you do.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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Speed Bump
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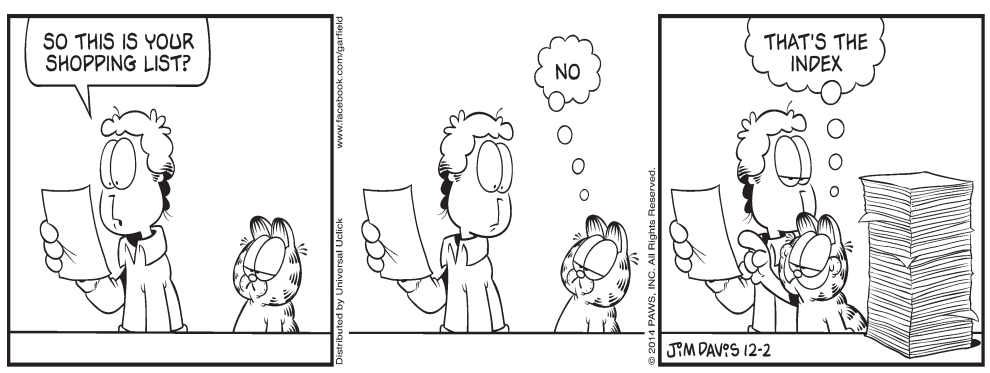
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	2	4	9	7	3	5	6	1
7	5	1	2	6	8	4	9	3
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 278 calls for service on Nov. 30.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery on the 2400 block of Main St. at 12:36 a.m.
Drunk driving at Cloverfield and Olympic at 12:47 a.m.
Battery on the 2300 block of Oak St. at 1:39 a.m.
Party complaint on the 1300 block of Euclid St. at 3:50 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1500 block of 5th St. at 5:37 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1300 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 8:26 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway on the 2300 block of 28th St. at 8:48 a.m.
Petty theft at 5th and Arizona at 8:53 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1400 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 9:39 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2200 block of Virginia Ave. at 9:56 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1800 block of 19th St. at 10:22 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2600 block of 4th St. at 10:32 a.m.
Burglary on the 2300 block of 34th St. at 11:24 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of 19th St. at 11:29 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2300 block of 4th St. at 12:52 p.m.
Battery on the 100 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 1:06 p.m.
Traffic accident at 4th and Broadway at 1:12 p.m.
Fight on the 700 block of Olympic Blvd. at 3:01 p.m.
Grand theft auto on the 2600 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 3:23 p.m.
Battery on the 1500 block of Ocean Ave. at 3:56 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 100 block of Hill St. at 4:04 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2400 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 5:19 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1300 block of 2nd St. at 5:49 p.m.
Traffic accident at 20th and Wilshire at 8:11 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1100 block of 6th St. at 9:40 p.m.
Trespassing on the 300 block of Civic Center Dr. at 9:55 p.m.
Trespassing on the 2500 block of Michigan Ave. at 10:47 p.m.
Loud music on the 2100 block of Ocean Ave. at 10:52 p.m.
Construction noise on the 2700 block of Colorado Ave. at 10:59 p.m.
Hit and run at Harvard and Washington at 11:05 p.m.
Family disturbance on the 900 block of 6th St. at 11:44 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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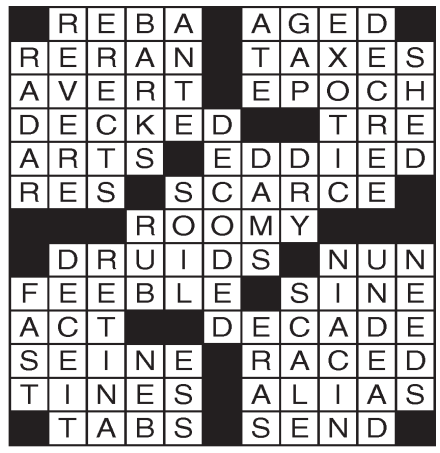
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

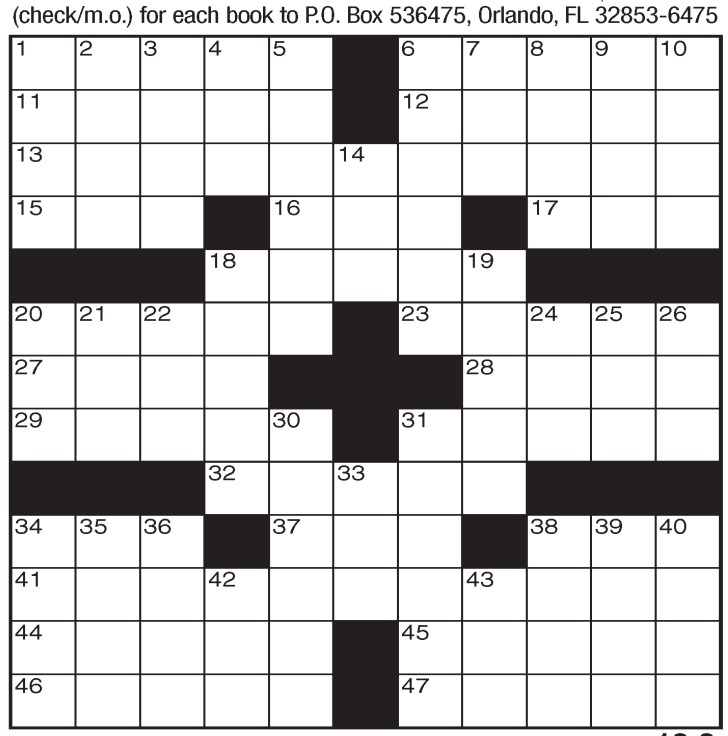
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46 Singer Rogers
47 Flexible conjunction

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1 Hornet's kin
2 Writer Rice
3 A party to
4 Boar's mate
5 Romeo kills him
6 To-do list items
7 Uncooked
8 Over again
9 Had on
10 Shopping aid
14 Tell tales
18 Airline prices
19 Dallas native
20 Silent approval
21 Egg cells
22 Turkish topper
24 Mess up
25 Rural mothers
26 Pupil's place
30 Sleek and stylish
31 Candy-filled target
33 Really impress
34 Yokel
35 Dull pain
36 Freshman, usually
38 Watch over
39 Ben Affleck film
40 Manual reader
42 Prohibit
43 Family



Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 11/29
13 24 30 42 48
Power#: 27
Jackpot: $40M

Draw Date: 11/28
8 26 29 36 47
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $70M

Draw Date: 11/29
5 30 37 45 47
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: $19M

Draw Date: 11/30
1 5 6 22 35

Draw Date: 12/1
MIDDAY: 9 2 0

Draw Date: 11/30
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Indonesia's holy "Sex Mountain" on the island of Java is still performing its incomprehensible function of making Muslims feel prosperous and optimistic if they have intercourse with strangers, as reported in November by Australia's "SBS Dateline" TV program. A reporter journeyed to Mount Kemukus (near the heavily populated Surakarta) to observe the mass adultery whose origin dates to the 16th century. Otherwise-devout pilgrims pray, bathe and pair off with other worshippers (repeating the ritual seven times, 35 days apart) to bring themselves the good life -- except that the sex must be with people other than their spouses. Clerics generally denounce the Kemukus experience, but more so since prostitutes (collecting "offerings") are lately so plentiful at the site.

■ Autumn Canceled: London's Daily Telegraph reported in November that a gardener hired by the House of Commons had spent a day pulling color-changing leaves from trees on the Westminster Palace grounds -- because it would be more cost-effective than to rake them up after they fell. The gardener (whose name sounds right out of a James Bond adventure -- "Annabel Honeybun") said she had 145 trees to service. (A local environmentalist lamented denying autumn visitors "one of the few pleasures at this time of year."

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